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|  <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p> | Date: October 10, 2016 |
| | Agenda Item No. 67 Roll Call No. <u>16-1781</u> Communication No. <u>16-580</u> Submitted by: Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director and Pamela S. Cooksey, P.E., City Engineer |

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on Ewing Park Lilac Plaza; rejection of all bids on Ewing Park Lilac Plaza and close public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer’s estimate.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council reject all bids because no bids were received. This project provides for the construction of a plaza in Ewing Park. The plaza will be used as a lilac viewing area and as a venue for small events, such as the star party, weddings, etc. The plaza is being funded as a partnership between the City of Des Moines Park and Recreation Department and private donations via the Friends of Des Moines Parks.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: N/A

Funding Source: 2016-2017 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page Park – 10, Park Improvements, PK137, Being: Friends of Des Moines Parks contribution.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

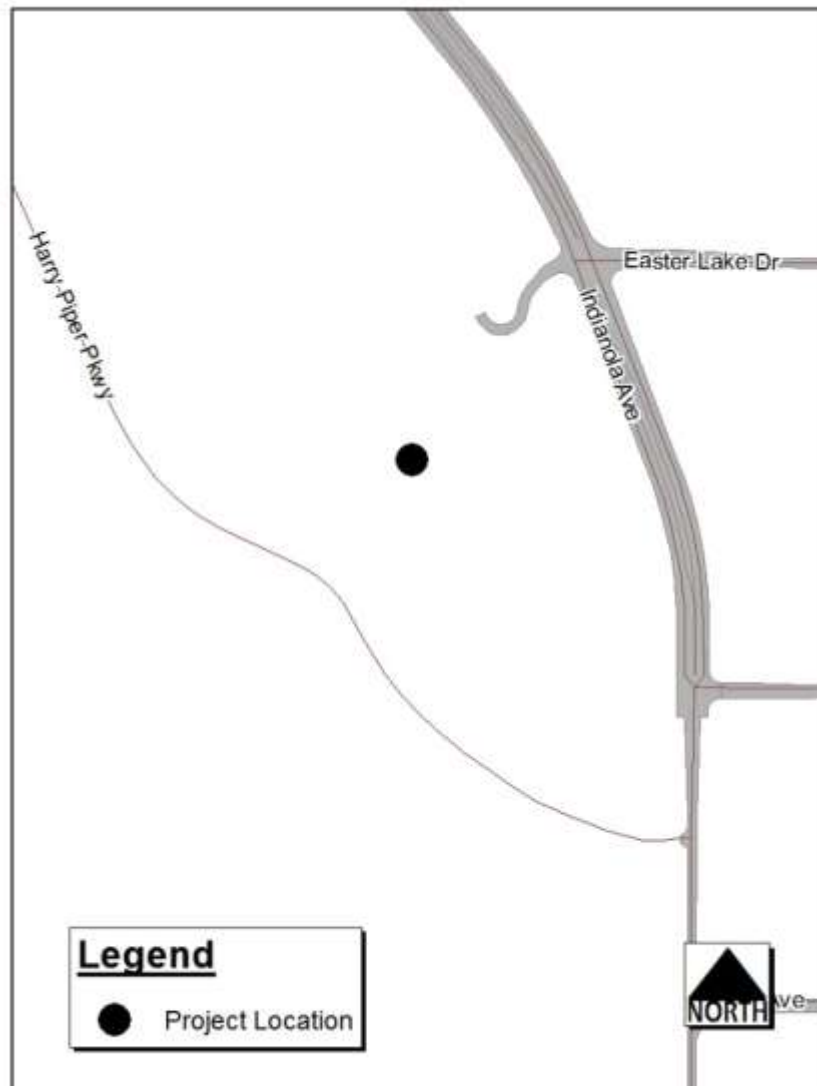
On September 12, 2016, under Roll Call No. 16-1480, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Ewing Park Lilac Plaza. Before the City Council can enter into a contract, it must hold a public hearing and approve the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents and engineer's estimate for the construction of the Ewing Park Lilac Plaza, 11-2015-010. The improvement includes placement of fill, rock subbase, Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) paving, erosion control, seeding, restoration and other incidental items; all work in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File Nos. 576-063/090, in Ewing Park, Des Moines, Iowa.

The bid opening was held at a public meeting presided over by the City Engineer in the Shijiazhuang Room, 2nd Floor, City Administration Building, 400 E. Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa at 11:00 a.m. on September 27, 2016.

Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:

No Bids Received

The City Engineer recommends rejection of all bids as no bids were received. In addition to distributing bidding documents to seven (7) Plan Rooms, only three (3) contractors obtained bidding documents. Staff contacted contractors and they noted the project was bid late in the season and makes it difficult to complete the work before anticipated weather changes, while they are also trying to complete their existing projects; additionally, given the smaller project size the risk of completion outweighed bidding on the project. Staff will review the project and completion options prior to considering rebidding of the project.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 12, 2016

Roll Call Number: [16-1480](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

- (A) [Ewing](#) Park Lilac Plaza: Receiving of bids, (9-27-16), Setting date of hearing, (10-10-16). Construction estimate, \$37,000. ([Council Communication No. 16-507](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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